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INDIA FAMINE MORE TERRIBLE THAN PAINTED OR PICTURED

BY EDWARD S. HUME.

For Twenty-five Years an American Resident of Bombay.

Having just returned from India, I have read the accounts of the famine in American papers, I have seen the pictures, I have seen the conditions in the famine districts, and I can assure you that the actual state of affairs is much more terrible than painted or pictured. And the worst of it is that, even if the June rains are entirely favorable, no relief can be expected till the crop is gathered in October. Famine photographs frequently represent half starved and dying persons lying on the street or in some field. They are poor but self respecting people, who have never been the objects of public charity



HUNGER KILLED WOMAN.

and have refused to go to famine relief camps until at last death has stared them in the face, and unbearable distress has driven them out in search of help. Weary and hungry, they have laid themselves down to rest and have died before waking. Not long before leaving India, while walking with a brother missionary at Ahmedabad, not far from his house, he pointed to a tree at the roadside and said: "The other day I saw the emaciated figure of a man lying, face down, under that tree. On going near and touching the body I found it already stiff and cold. Examining it more carefully, I found one side torn away, evidently eaten by jackals. A couple of rats away lay the dead body of an infant. A little further on was found a woman, still alive. She was the wife of the man and mother of the child. She, too, poor thing, died before she could reach the poorhouse, which stood within sight and call of the spot where these patient, helpless ones had fallen down to die."



A starving man is devoid of judgment and of most of his natural feelings. In April we received a group of famine girls. Among them was one who, although much emaciated, began to improve from the day she came to us. After a week she rapidly grew worse. In spite of everything that could be done for her she soon died. We looked at last, while she was so ill that we were giving her a few spoonfuls of nourishment at a time, and she gently, because she seemed unable to make any effort to help herself, even later, when she seemed to be on the point of speaking, she had been drawn out of herself at intervals, when



RESCUED FAMINE GIRLS.

Little had presented himself at one of the inoculation stations. As soon as his arm was healed he went to another station, and this thing went on until the poor boy had actually been inoculated five times in each arm for the 84 cents he received and with which he supported himself and father for six weeks.

The government has already expended more than \$47,000,000 in the free distribution of food to those who are unable to work and in employing the unemployed at cash wages in the construction of reservoirs, irrigation ditches and other public works that will mitigate future droughts. In addition, there are generous and splendidly organized systems of private charity, the funds being supplied from every part of the civilized world and managed chiefly by American and European missionaries of long experience in India. It is the duty and privilege of every one to have some share in this sacred work of humanity. Gifts may be sent to Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York, treasurers of the committee of one hundred: William E. Dodge, chairman, and Dr. L. T. Chamberlain, executive director, by whom they will be cabled promptly to the responsible and representative American-Indian relief committee, under the chairmanship of United States Consul William H. Peck, at Bombay, with the veteran missionary, Robert A. Hume, as executive secretary.

The New York committee of one hundred on India famine relief co-operates with committees of the same name in Boston, New Haven, Baltimore, Washington, Indianapolis and other cities, each of which has charge of the work in its own section. The committee started on receipt of a postal address "Committee of One Hundred, 73 Bible House, New York," supplies of illustrated literature are sent without charge and expressage free. Gifts sent to this office will be forwarded promptly to the relief committee.

NO FEARS FOR THE FUTURE.

Pay Rolls to be Distributed Here
Will Soon be Larger than
Ever Before.

EXTENSION OF MAIN LINE PROBABLE.

Business Will Be Given an Impetus That
Will Restore Confidence in the
Most Skeptical and Result
in Great Good.

The immediate future of Alamogordo is all and more than can be anticipated by the outsider. The probable extension of the main line, and the judicious advertising of Cloudercroft and consequent excursion business will give the town an impetus that will restore confidence to the most skeptical and will result in great and permanent good.

The business of the Hotel Alamogordo continues good despite the dull business conditions existing in every city during the hot months, that institution deriving its patronage from the tourist traffic to Cloudercroft. From this it will be noticed that the Cloudercroft traffic is bound to prove of immense benefit, not only to the hotel but to every other business house in town, and the time will come when the popular mountain resort will be considered one of the most important of Alamogordo's resources. The building of the road will not take any of the paying features of the summer from the country, but will add to them materially by bringing an additional traffic from the north and east. Anyone who stops to consider the feasibility of excursions from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Raton, and all points in Kansas, even as far as Kansas City, when this section is placed in touch with those localities, can readily perceive that a wealthy, money-spending and investing class of people will be attracted here and that their expenditures will be distributed among the merchants here through the natural channels of business.

Furthermore, the building of the road to Liberal will make of the White Oaks route the connecting link of the shortest routes into Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis. This means that it will be the most popular California and Mexican route and that very little urging will be necessary to induce tourists to stop at Cloudercroft, for the resort will be advertised most extensively by all the roads. The railway company has no intention whatever of moving its general offices from Alamogordo. Like all the other roads it will have a city passenger and freight office in El Paso, but no more, unless a greater amount of traffic necessitates establishing small shops there. The Alamogordo shops will be increased to five times their present size within the next two years, and this will be considered one of the busiest railway towns in New Mexico. With the mills running full blast this fall, increased coal shipments and increased shop force, the pay rolls distributed among the merchants here will be larger than ever before and everyone will enjoy prosperity. The fact that this will be the distributing point for the railway operations further on, is in itself an important item, and one that means much toward increasing the general volume of business. There is no truth whatever in the published statements that the Rock Island has purchased a majority of the White Oaks company's stock.

Hotel Arrivals.

Following are the hotel arrivals for the week ending August 9, 1900.

Hotel Alamogordo: P. L. Welfelt, T. C. Lyons, A. J. King, Mrs. Katie Maltland, Mrs. L. Davis, Mrs. John A. Jones, H. M. Patterson, G. L. Hoyt, J. W. Magoffin, Mrs. J. C. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Hattie Small, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Feldman, Daisy Dutton, Katherine W. Martin, E. C. Scott, Henry Pfaff, E. E. Hull, R. L. Greenwood and sister, R. S. Terry, Chas. R. Styron, A. V. Swearingen, H. R. Wood, J. E. Meahan and family, W. H. Seamon, F. J. Sottelle, Mrs. J. L. Edwards, Mrs. J. B. Watson, El Paso; Mrs. J. W. Ward, Mrs. J. Patton, Miss Hollis, E. O. Price, Big Springs, Texas; D. W. Michon, Houston; Mrs. A. Hohn and daughter, Cloudercroft; C. B. Phillips, Balfy's, C. A. Fox, Captain; Mrs. Alexander, Cloudercroft; W. A. Cobb, St. Louis; Mrs. P. F. Brick, Cloudercroft; Ed Kummeler, Jarilla.

An Important Decision.

An important decision was received by E. C. Wade on last Monday, says the Dona Ana Republican, from the general land office relative to the claims under the small holdings act by the Blazer estate against the government. Before the Mesalero Indian reserve had been established Dr. Blazer, deceased, had taken up land in the heart of what is now the Mesalero reservation. In recent years certain government officials have held the claims as invalid. There are four claims at present, the Mrs. Blazer estate, the Hodges estate, the Almer N. Blazer and Jose de Gutierrez

tracts. Testimony was taken at Alamogordo last June in the case and the quick result is a favorable decision in the matter of the first two claims and an unfavorable one in the latter two. An appeal will be taken on the adverse decisions to the secretary of the interior by the litigants through their attorneys, Wade and Llewellyn.

Alamogordo Guards' Benefit.

The entertainment given by the Colored Plantation Comedy company Thursday night, for the benefit of the Alamogordo guards, was a success in spite of the inclemency of the weather, and the boys realized a neat little sum for their treasury.

The company is an excellent one, and as jubilee singers and plantation fun makers are first class. R. L. Burton, the big mouthed wonder, won the audience at once with his inimitable rendition of popular melodies and pleasant-tries. The other members of the company, Mrs. R. L. Burton, Miss Jackson and Messrs. C. W. Cummings, J. J. Ricks and G. Collins are all up to the standard and afforded an evening of music and fun that was highly appreciated. The company can always be assured of a full house in Alamogordo whenever they return.

The Emmett Guards desire to thank the business men and others of the city for their liberality in contributing towards this entertainment and their generous support of the militia company at all times.

DAILY MAIL SERVICE.

White Oaks Will Hereafter Carry Postal Clerks.

An order was received yesterday inaugurating daily mail service on the El Paso & Northeastern railroad between El Paso and Captain, New Mexico. The order which became effective July 31, contemplates the service shall be started at once, and makes the appointment of Ezekiel J. Fowler and Herbert H. Hart, as clerks in postal class one, for the probationary period of six months.

Heretofore the rail service on the White Oaks was made up of pouch routes, being handled by Fowler and Hart, messengers in the Wells, Fargo & Co's service. Beginning at once mail will be received at the car and worked between stations. The positions carry a salary of \$240 per year from the government.—Times.

Another Good Rate.

The Texas & Pacific and the G. H. & S. A., and state branches, have announced a round trip rate of \$15 from all points in Texas on their lines to Cloudercroft. Dates of sale will be August 12 and 18 and September 14 and 15, with a limit of thirty days for return. This rate is the result of recent trips made to Alamogordo and Cloudercroft by General Passenger Agents Parks and Turner, to which was added the influence of White Oaks officials. The dates are considered somewhat late for the season, but will place Cloudercroft in a position to command immense excursion traffic next year.

New Rail Laid.

The White Oaks Route has taken up seven miles of its old rail and laid new 60-pound steel rails between mile posts 18 and 25 on the main line. The track from Captain to the new terminus at Gray will be laid shortly, which will about complete the track laying until work on the new Liberal extension is commenced. Among the new innovations to be inaugurated by the road is the opening of the finest city ticket office in the west at El Paso, as soon as the new Sheldon block is completed.

LETTER LIST.

Letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Alamogordo, N. M., for the week ending, August 4, 1900:

Anaya, Bentura; Blocker, R. A.; Briscoe, Francisco; Blan, Tyson; Belle, Valentine M.; Briscoe, Francisco; Gray, Will A.; Cardoza, Ramalio; Calles, Jesus; Elizondo, Aurelio; Guevara, Juana; Gray, Charles; Novares, Marting; Sarriba, Agustine; Ramirez, Dolores; Summell, W. W.; Sprite, Mrs Campbell; Summell, W. W.

If the above letters are not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Washington, D. C.

F. M. RHOMBURG, P. M.

Washout on Main Line.

The heavy rain Thursday caused a washout of about 150 feet of track on the E. P. & N. E. railway between mile posts 49 and 50. The wrecking train left Alamogordo at 10:30 a. m. Friday and had the track in shape to allow train No. 2, southbound, to pass over in safety, and No. 1 arrived in this city one hour and twenty minutes late. The Jarilla branch was also badly washed out, but the damage has all been repaired.

Officers Appointed.

The following non-commissioned officers of the Emmett Guards, Company C, have been appointed: S. A. Wallace, first sergeant; W. P. Johnson, quartermaster sergeant; Robert Ditch, Otto Richter, Charles Roberts and F. M. Bowman, sergeants; C. G. Nuckolls, William Wright, Roy Hammond and J. J. Brick, corporals. Lee Woods has been appointed bugler and J. D. Hall artificer.

RESIDENTS OF CLOUDCROFT

Confidently Figuring on Having a
Larger Town than Alamogordo Next Year.

GREAT MANY HAVE BUILT COTTAGES.

Lot Purchasers Are Among Wealthiest and Most Influential Business Men of El Paso, Texas Cities and Alamogordo.

J. F. Manning, business manager of The News, was in the city from Cloudercroft this week. Concerning the conditions of the summer resort, he states that a great many people have built summer cottages there and have signified their intention of becoming regular summer residents. Many of the cottages cost from \$400 to \$500, which is in itself significant that the owners are figuring on bringing their families each summer, and that it is not a mere temporary camping out expedition with them. The persons who have purchased lots there are among the wealthiest and solidest business men of El Paso, other Texas cities, and Alamogordo. "The residents of Cloudercroft," he said, "are confidently figuring on having a larger town than Alamogordo next year, and if the enterprise they are showing continues, their hopes are liable to be realized. In all probability there have been nearly 3,000 visitors to Cloudercroft this year. Next year the number will be doubled and a building boom will take place there unrivaled in the annals of western town building. The nicest feature about Cloudercroft is that the company does not want to absorb the whole thing and dictate its entire policy. In the course of time, government of the place will pass into the hands of the property purchasers. A good hotel is the great need of Cloudercroft, and the man who builds in time for the traffic next year will reap a handsome fortune. The Texas railways are constantly impressing on the White Oaks Route officials that they can fill and keep filled during the summer season a good hotel that would insure every comfort to its guests. I haven't the slightest doubt but what such an edifice will be erected and in operation next season."

When asked about his reported appointment at Cloudercroft, he laughed at the idea and said: "Yes, I read with considerable amusement and trepidation that I was aspiring to become a second Colonel Harvey. I had supposed that the title 'manager of Cloudercroft' belonged exclusively to the Alamogordo Improvement company, but it seems that it has unwittingly been foisted upon me. The fact of the matter is that there is nothing at Cloudercroft to manage except the sale of lots, and 'real estate agent' will do as well as anything else for a title. The pavilion is under lease to Mrs. Holm and none of the companies have anything to say about its management, and the water line is owned by the railway company. The only thing left for anyone to look after is the sale of lots—a job that requires the exercise of considerable jaw bone and a lusty pair of lungs, but no particular executive ability. Mr. Greig gave me a position as special advertising agent temporarily, to assist in the work of advertising Cloudercroft excursions. He also instructed me to see what could be done in the way of lot sales, pending arrangements to go on the road and help work up excursions, and while at Cloudercroft to help jolly up the girls and keep them from getting lonesome. I was getting along famously until my wife came up and told everybody that I was married. I suppose that Mr. Greig's idea on the lot sales was to secure the real impressions of the people relative to the resort, so that he would have some tangible basis to figure on as to the amount of expenditure in advertising the place would warrant and the probable return in event of the grounds being turned over to the railway company."

Didn't Know It Was Loaded.

An exchange tells of a certain man that in order to save himself an inconvenience, when he had his house remodeled, he included an automatic bath tub. The tub was so arranged that he could be in bed and upon pushing a button the door opened and the tub glided in from the next room to the side of the bed, then all he had to do was to roll over into the tub and take his bath. The other day he was showing a party of gentleman friends over the house when he came to his room and said: "Let me show you my automatic bath tub." He pushed the button. There was a scream, and the tub came sailing into the room with his wife in it. She now takes her bath in the wash pan.

Attention, Guards.

Regular company drill will be held every Wednesday and Friday night. All members are requested to turn out for these drills.

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The First National Bank OF ALAMOCORDO.

Condensed statement of the condition of the First National Bank of Alamogordo, N. Mex., at the close of business July 31, 1900.

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts 23,119.62	Capital 25,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500.00	Undivided profits 2,911.16
Premium on U. S. Bonds 243.56	National Bank Notes outstanding 12,500.00
Real Estate 35,314.45	Deposits 87,216.72
Real Estate, Stocks, Securities, etc. 2,408.10	
Banking house, furniture and fixtures 4,516.75	
Cash and Exchange 127,161.88	
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